



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
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WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m



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MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The mission of this Congregation shall be—

To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.

To encourage their active commitment to His service.

To facilitate their growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

Further, it shall be our mission to work for the unity of all Christians and to participate in the common task of building the Kingdom of God.



THOUGHTS FROM THE ELDERS

Poh Fang Chia has provided this devotion entitled:

Who Knows?

According to Chinese legend, when Sai Weng lost one of his prized horses, his neighbor expressed sorrow for his loss. But Sai Weng was unconcerned. He said, "Who knows if it may be a good thing for me?" Surprisingly, the lost horse returned home with another horse. As the neighbor congratulated him, Sai Weng said, "who knows if it may be a bad thing for me? As it turned out, his son broke his leg when he rode on the new horse. This seemed like a misfortune, until the army arrived at the village to recruit all able-bodied men to fight in the war. Because of the son's injury, he wasn't recruited, which ultimately could have spared him from death.

This is the story behind the Chinese proverb which teaches that a difficulty can be a blessing in disguise and vice versa. This ancient wisdom has a close parallel in Ecclesiastes 6:12, where the author observes: "Who knows what is good for a person in life.?" Indeed, none of us know what the future holds. An adversity might have positive benefits, and prosperity might have ill effects.

Each day offers new opportunities, joys, struggles, and suffering. As God's beloved children, we can rest in His sovereignty and trust Him through the good and bad times alike. God has "made the one as well as the other" (7:14). He's with us in all the events in our lives and promises His loving care.

Can you think of example where a misfortune turned out to be a blessing? How can you keep your focus on God in good times as well as bad times?

Sovereign God, thank You for ordering my life. Help me to praise You in both good and bad times, believing that You work all things for the ultimate good of those who love You.

Comfort in Mourning:

Healing Prayers:

Marsha Adkins
Margaret Cox
*Jean Guelde
Tim Santo
*Chris Walker
The family of Pastor Donald
Luhring

Continuing Concerns:

*Kathy Daniels
Lorean McCollum
*Pat Paulus
Steve Santo
Pastor Seth Stout
George Winnie
*Dennis Vance
John Young

*Denotes Members

“ I alone cannot change
the world, but I can
cast a stone across the
waters to create many
ripples.”
Mother Teresa

SPEAKERS FOR MARCH

3/06 Jammie & Lisa Hughes
3/13 Chris Bowers
3/20 Jan Commers/Max Hibbard
3/27 Patty Stoller

First Scripture Selections

3/6 Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
3/13 Psalm 27
3/20 Psalm 63: 1-8
3/27 Psalm 32

Flowers:

3/06 Jack Moore-In Memory of Marie
3/13 Helen & Paul Long
3/20
3/27 Kenny & Marsha Adkins-In memory of Christie Ann

ATTENDANCE

1/30 49
2/06 38
2/13 50
2/20 42



Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens

*Romaine Boundy
*Betty Hamman
*John Peeper Jr
*Bonnie Beamer

Kingsbury Place*

*Jan White Koch

Van Crest of Payne

*Velma Albert

Military:

Cameron Cramer



Happy Anniversary

3/06 Tony & Sheryl Garza
3/13 Robert & Sandy Leslie
3/16 Dave & Dawn Carlisle
3/23 Jerry & Joan Tope
3/26 Seth & Nicki Smith



MARCH

Elders

Max Hibbard
Bruce Gunderman

Worship Leader

Larry Grace

Greeters

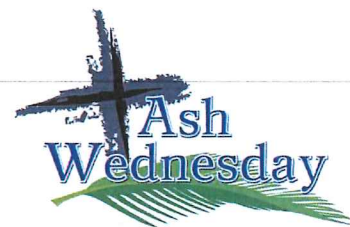
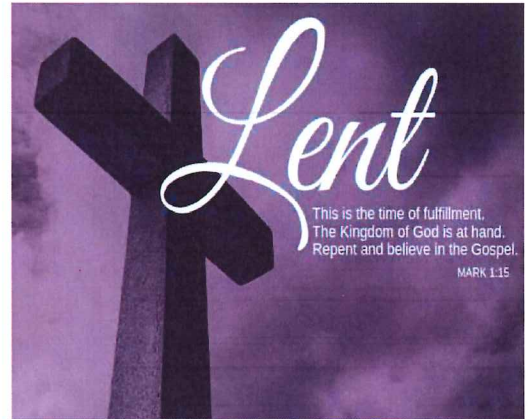
Corey & Nicole Harris

First Scripture Reader

Matt Strayer



3/03 Memphis Gunderman
3/03 Mark Wooten
3/04 Braxton Ricker
3/08 Susan Simpson
3/17 Trevor Hibbard
3/18 Jack Moore
3/19 Eliana Hormann
3/20 Wanda Rohlf
3/22 Vince Reinhart
3/22 Brent Townley
3/27 Josh Lero
3/27 Rachael Nicelley
3/30 Dennis Vance



SERVICE
MARCH 2ND
6:00 P.M.

Flowers for Worship

If you would like to sponsor flowers for worship the cost is \$20.00. The sheet to sign up is on the bulletin board.

Please pay the office when you sign up.

I LOVE MY CHURCH!



Baptism

Baptism is a public act by which the church proclaims God's grace, as revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. .

Peter said to them, " Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." – Acts 2:38 (NRSV)

Those who founded the Disciples movement taught baptism by immersion as the accepted form.

If you or someone you know are being called to Baptism and are interested in being Baptized at First Christian Church, and joining the Pastors class, please contact the Church office.

Outreach



We collected \$397.00 to send to the First Christian Church in Maysville, Kentucky that was destroyed by a tornado. We encourage people to give to Week of Compassion as this money will be going to help tornado victims in Ohio.

We are giving gifts cards to the workers and owners of the Pancake House due to the fire and loss of jobs. Cards were bought at Chief in Paulding. Thanks to all for the support of these projects.

The Outreach Committee



Book Study

The Women Overwhelmed book study will meet March 21st at 6 p.m. We read together and discuss the chapter as it pertains to our lives. This author sees life with lots of humor. If you have questions, contact Denise.

New Website

Our new website is up. We are still working and learning. Please take a look at firstccpaulding.org



Disciples Women Ministry



Disciples Women's Ministry next regular meeting will be March 1st at 10 a.m.

We have a kitchen monitor form on the bulletin board. Kitchen monitors check to make sure all items are put away and food is not left in the refrigerator. If you can sign up for a month it would be appreciated. We need plastic grocery bags and empty storage containers with lids for the kitchen.

The funeral committee for this year is Helen Long, Lori Clark and Denise Renollet. Supplies to restock for funeral dinners have been ordered. Dining Room and other workers for dinners will be called as needed. If you are available to assist at dinners please contact One of these members of the committee and you will be added to the call list for workers.

We would like to continue the egg basket ministry for the food pantry. If you are able to get eggs and deliver them to the food pantry for a month please contact Suzy Strayer to sign up. Baby Products are asked for March for the food pantry. Thank you for participating.

The prayer square ministry has been a big success. So much so that we need to make more. If you can help contact Helen or Denise.

We will be hosting the Lenten Lunch on March 16th at the First Presbyterian Church. Needed food items and worker list are posted on the bulletin board. Please assist where you can. Helen Long is chairing this event.

We are discussing moving the meetings to evenings. This would allow the woman who work to attend.

Others activities and fundraisers will be decided on a month to month basis depending on availability of help.

Men's Group



The Disciples Men's Group Meets the third Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. All Men of the church are invited for devotions and fellowship.



Ohio Region Summer Program 2022 Schedule

- Disciples Fellowship Retreat Friday, May 27 – Sunday, May 29
- Grandparents Camp Thursday, June 9 – Saturday June 11
- Chi Rho Camp #1 Sunday, June 12 – Saturday, June 18
- CYF Week # 1 Sunday, June 19 – Saturday June 25
- Otter Camp Sunday, June 26 – Saturday, July 2
- Adult Conference Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1
- Ribbit Camp Wednesday, July 6 – Saturday July 9
- Chi Rho Camp #2 Sunday, July 10 – Saturday, July 16
- CYF Week # 2 Sunday, July 17 – Saturday, July 23
- Advance Conference Sunday, July 24 – Sunday, July 31
- Disciples Fellowship Retreat Friday, September 2 – Sunday, September 4

Children's Sunday School



Sunday school is every Sunday morning during worship. We have 2 classes, preschool thru 3 rd grade and 4th grade thru 8th grade.

If you are able to teach a Sunday please sign up on the bulletin board. We need teachers into March.

Complete Serenity

Many of us have heard the first part of what's called "The Serenity Prayer," attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. But we would do well to learn the rest of it as well: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; taking this world as it is and not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen."



Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$10270.42 per month.



COUNTERS

- 3/06 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 3/13 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 3/20 Max Hibbard. Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 3/27 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers



**First Christian Church
Fund Summary**

	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	102 INITIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING	107 SPECIAL HOLIDAY-CHR ISTMAS	114 LOVE OFFERINGS/C OLLECTION <i>Ky church</i>	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	700 MENS GROUP	Total
01/02/2022	1,770.00	40.00	100.00	40.00	10.00	0.00	1,960.00
01/09/2022	1,622.72	18.00	0.00	50.00	5.00	0.00	1,695.72
01/16/2022	1,450.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	45.00	1,519.00
01/23/2022	590.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	595.00
01/30/2022	2,160.50	5.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	2,180.50
Total	7,593.22	72.00	100.00	90.00	50.00	45.00	7,950.22

Susan K. Simpson 2-8-22

A prayer for Lent



This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."

Jesus has gone there first



Whether we gaze with longing into the garden or with fear and trembling into the desert, of this we can be sure — God walked there first! And when we who have sinned and despoiled the garden are challenged now to face the desert, we do not face it alone; Jesus has gone there before us to struggle with every demon that has ever plagued a human heart. Face the desert we must if we would reach the garden, but Jesus has gone there before us. —James Healy

Bible Quiz



All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above

Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUES-THURS-8 a.m.-12 p.m.

March 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

ALL LENTEN LUNCHESES ARE HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



		1	2	3	4	5
HAND BELL PRACTICE EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP		DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MEETING-10 A.M.	LENTEN LUNCHESE-NOON -FIRST PRESBYTERIANS ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE-6 p.m.		WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			LENTEN LUNCHESE-NOON -DIVINE MERCY CHURCH			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		BOARD MEETING -7 P.M.	LENTEN LUNCHESE-NOON -FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH			MEN'S GROUP 9 A.M.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
ELDERS MEETING-8:30 A.M.	BOOK STUDY-6 P.M. 		LENTEN LUNCHESE-NOON -ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CH			
27	28	29	30	31		
			LENTEN LUNCHESE-NOON -UNITED METHODIST CHURCH			

ELDERS: Max Hibbard & Bruce Gunderman

WORSHIP LEADER: Larry Grace

1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Matt Strayer

GREETERS: Corey & Nicole Harris

SPEAKERS:

March 6th-Jammie & Lisa Hughes

March 13th-Chris Bowers

March 20th-Max Hibbard & Jan Commers

March 27th-Patty Stoller

“Better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing flawlessly.” Robert Schuller



LENT



LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE

The Ministerial Association has set the following Lunch schedule.

March 2nd-First Presbyterian Church

March 9th-Divine Mercy Catholic Church

March 16th-First Christian Church

March 23rd-St Paul Lutheran Church

March 30th-United Methodist Church

April 6th-Nazarene Church

All Lunches are held at the First Presbyterian Church at noon.

The Ministerial Association will again be collecting items for the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding.



LENTEN LUNCH

There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board for food items needed and for workers for the March 16th Lenten Lunch. Please sign up if you are able to provide items or if you are able to work that day. Thank you for helping with this ministry. If you have questions, please contact Helen Long.

Spring Flowers

Spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter may be brought to the church by April 10th. Please have your name on them so you can take them after Easter.



LILY CROSS

It has been a tradition for many years for people to have a lily bloom placed on the lily cross in honor or in memory of loved ones for a donation. This years donations will be sent to the Paulding Dog Kennel. We do love our animals and they operate mainly on donations. Please fill out the form below and return it to the office.

LILY BLOOM FORM

NAME _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

DEADLINE TO TURN IN FORMS IS APRIL 10TH

Washed clean

Make customized jelly soaps to banish dirt and grime.



What you need:

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- ¾ cup very warm water
- 1 tsp salt
- ¾ cup gel body wash
- Food coloring
- Rubbing alcohol in spray bottle
- Silicone baking molds

What you do:

1. In a bowl, stir gelatin and warm water until dissolved.
2. Add salt, body wash and a few drops of food coloring. Stir.
3. Spray molds with rubbing alcohol (to prevent bubbles). Place molds on a tray.
4. Pour mixture into the molds. Refrigerate until set, about two hours.
5. Pop soap out of molds and store in an airtight container.

PUZZLE

A wonderful washing

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.

ETRCAE _____	_____	out my transgressions (v. 1)
HSAW _____	_____	away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEEROT _____	_____	me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNERE _____	_____	me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _____	_____	your face from my sins (v. 9)
DIHE _____	_____	out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG _____	_____	in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE _____	_____	a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBTO _____	_____	to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
WHS A _____	_____	me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant

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Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)

An ancient prayer

Lord Jesus, think on me
and purge away my sin.
From earthborn passions set me free
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that when the flood is past,
I may th' eternal brightness see
and share your joy at last.

—Synesius of Cyrene (4th century)